

To the Members of the California State Senate:

California has been a national leader in reducing the rate of teen pregnancy by implementing a multi-faceted sex education and pregnancy prevention program that includes mentoring, youth development, and the use of various sex education curriculums. I believe a key strength of California's program has been its ability to support organizations to design and implement programs that meet the needs of their local community.

I am unable to support Senate Bill 1471 because it imposes new restrictions on California's community-based pregnancy prevention programs and their funding, thereby encroaching on local decision making.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger